State of California Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research

1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814 **FROM**: Department of Parks and Recreation

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PROJECT TITLE: Schwan Lake Pennywort Removal

LOCATION: Twin Lakes State Beach COUNTY: Santa Cruz

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Mechanically remove Marsh pennywort from the margins of Schwan Lake at Twin Lakes State Beach in Santa Cruz for a period of 10 days to improve water flow through the lake. During this time, mechanical equipment (aquatic vegetation harvesters) will access, cut, collect and transport cut pennywort material to an offload point where the material will be transferred to shore equipment for off haul and disposal off site. Mechanical equipment will enter and exit the lake adjacent to the existing overflow weir. Once all work is complete, the area will be raked and returned to preconstruction conditions. Project protects natural resources and supports continued use and maintenance.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Santa Cruz District

EXEMPT STATUS:

X Categorical Exemption

Class: 1, 4 Section:15301, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of maintenance of existing public facilities involving no expansion of use beyond current levels and the minor alternation in the condition of land which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and is included as a "Resource Management project" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with *CCR* Section 15300.4.

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